

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Withdrawn) A fusion transcript consisting of a homologue cross-over between two different
2 genes with more than 80% sequence homology in certain regions, in particular regions of cross-
3 over.

1 2. (Withdrawn) A fusion transcript according to claim 1, wherein the two genes are the genes of
2 SCCA1 and SCCA2.

1 3. (Withdrawn) A full length fusion transcript protein between SCCA1 and SCCA2 having
2 switched reactive site loops compared to basic promoter.

1 4. (Withdrawn) A substantially full length fusion transcript protein between SCCA1 and
2 SCCA2 having switched reactive site loops compared to basic promoter.

1 5. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein according to claim 4 coded by one or more of exons 2 - 7 of
2 SCCA1 gene fused to exon 8 of SCCA2 gene.

1 6. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein according to claim 1 coded by exon 2 - 7 of SCCA1 gene
2 fused to exon 8 of SCCA2 gene.

1 7. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein according to claim 4 coded by one or more of exons 2 - 7 of
2 SCCA2 gene fused to exon 8 of SCCA1 gene.

1 8. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein according to claim 1 coded by exon 2 - 7 of SCCA2 gene
2 fused to exon 8 of SCCA1 gene.

1 9. (Withdrawn) A fusion protein according to claim 5, wherein the protein sequence is
2 MNSLSEANTK FMFDLFQQFR KSKEENNIFYS PISITSALGM VLLGAKDNTA
3 QQIKKKVLHFD QVTENTTGKA ATYHVDRSGN VHHQFQKLLTE FNKSTDAYE
4 LKIANKLFGE KTYLFLQEYL DAIKKFYQTS VESVDFANAP EESRKKINSW
5 VESQTNEKIK NLIPEGNIGS NTTLLVLVNAI YFKGQWEKKF NKEDTKEEKF

6 WPNKNTYKSI QMMRQYTSFH FASLEDVQAK VLEIPYKGKD LSMIVLLPNE
7 IDGLQKLEEK LTAEKLMEWT SLQNMRETCV DLHLPRFKME ESYDLKDTLR
8 TMGMVNIFNG DADLSGMTWS HGLSVSKVLH KAFVEVTEEG VEAAAATAVV
9 VVELSSPSTN EEFCCNHPFL FFIRQNKTNS ILFYGRFSSP

1 10. (Withdrawn) A DNA sequence sequence coding for a fusion SCCA1/SCCA2 protein.

1 11. (Withdrawn) A DNA sequence comprising the nucleotide sequence of exon 2 – 7 of SCCA1
2 fused to the nucleotide sequence of exon 8 of SCCA2.

1 12. (Withdrawn) A DNA sequence according to claim 11, wherein the nucleotide sequence is
2 ATGAATTCAC TCAGTGAAGC CAACACCAAG TTCATGTTCG ACCTGTTCCA
3 ACAGTTCAGA AAATCAAAAG AGAACACAACAT CTTCTATTCC CCTATCAGCA
4 TCACATCAGC ATTAGGGATG GTCCTCTTAG GAGCCAAAGA CAACACTGCA
5 CAACAGATTA AGAAGGGTCT TCACHTTGAT CAAGTCACAG AGAACACACCAC
6 AGGAAAAGCT GCAACATATC ATGTTGATAG GTCAGGAAAT GTTCATCACC
7 AGTTTCAAAA GCTTCTGACT GAATTCAACA AATCCACTGA TGCATATGAG
8 CTGAAGATCG CCAACAAAGCT CTTCGGAGAA AAAACGTATC TATTTCATA
9 GGAATATTCA GATGCCATCA AGAAATTTA CCAGACCAGT GTGGAATCTG
10 TTGATTTGC AAATGCTCCA GAAGAAAAGTC GAAAGAAGAT TAACTCCTGG
11 GTGGAAAGTC AAACGAATGA AAAAATTAAA AACCTAATTCA CTGAAGGTAA
12 TATTGGCAGC AATACCACAT TGGTTCTTGT GAACGCAATC TATTCAAAG
13 GGCAGTGGGA GAAGAAATT AATAAAGAAG ATACTAAAGA GGAAAAATIT
14 TGGCCAAACA AGAATACATA CAAGTCCATA CAGATGATGA GGCAATACAC
15 ATCTTTCAT TTTGCCTCGC TGGAGGATGT ACAGGCCAAG GTCCTGGAAA
16 TACCATAACAA AGGCAAAGAT CTAAGCATGA TTGTGTTGCT GCCAAATGAA
17 ATCGATGGTC TCCAGAAAG CT TGAAGAGAAA CTCACTGCTG AGAAATTGAT
18 GGAATGGACA AGTTTGCAGA ATATGAGAGA GACATGTGTC GATTACACT
19 TACCTCGGTT CAAAATGGAA GAGAGCTATG ACCTCAAGGA CACGTTGAGA
20 ACCATGGGAA TGGTGAATAT CTTCAATGGG GATGCAGACC TCTCAGGCAT
21 GACCTGGAGC CACGGTCTCT CAGTATCTAA AGTCCTACAC AAGGCCTTG

22 TGGAGGTCAC TGAGGAGGGA GTGGAAGCTG CAGCTGCCAC CGCTGTAGTA
23 GTAGTCGAAT TATCATCTCC TTCAACTAAT GAAGAGTTCT GTTGTAAATCA
24 CCCTTCCTA TTCTTCATAA GGCAAAATAA GACCAACAGC ATCCTCTTCT
25 ATGGCAGATT CTCATCCCCA

1 13. (Withdrawn) A plasmid comprising the nucleotide sequence corresponding to one or more
2 of exons 2 - 7 of SCCA1 gene fused to exon 8 of SCCA2 gene.

1 14. (Withdrawn) A plasmid comprising the nucleotide sequence corresponding to exons 2 - 7 of
2 SCCA1 fused to the nucleotide sequence of exon 8 of SCCA2.

1 15. (Withdrawn) A plasmid comprising the nucleotide sequence corresponding to one or more
2 of exons 2 – 7 of SCCA2 gene fused to exon 8 of SCCA1 gene.

1 16. (Withdrawn) A plasmid comprising the nucleotide sequence corresponding to exons 2 - 7 of
2 SCCA2r gene fused to exon 8 of SCCA1 gene.

1 17. (Withdrawn) A plasmid according to claim 13, comprising the nucleotide sequence: of
2 claim 12 ATGAATTAC TCAGTGAAGC CAACACCAAG TTCATGTTCG ACCTGTTCCA
3 ACAGTTCAGA AAATCAAAAG AGAACAAACAT CTTCTATTCC CCTATCAGCA
4 TCACATCAGC ATTAGGGATG GTCCTCTTAG GAGCCAAAGA CAACACTGCA
5 CAACAGATTA AGAAGGTTCT TCACTTGAT CAAGTCACAG AGAACACACCAC
6 AGGAAAAGCT GCAACATATC ATGTTGATAG GTCAGGAAAT GTTCATCACC
7 AGTTCAAAA GCTTCTGACT GAATTCAACA AATCCACTGA TGCATATGAG
8 CTGAAGATCG CCAACAAAGCT CTTCGGAGAA AAAACGTATC TATTTCATA
9 GGAATATTCA GATGCCATCA AGAAATTAA CCAGACCAGT GTGGAATCTG
10 TTGATTTCGC AAATGCTCCA GAAGAAAGTC GAAAGAAGAT TAACTCCTGG
11 GTGGAAAGTC AAACGAATGA AAAAATTAAA AACCTAATTG CTGAAGGTAA
12 TATTGGCAGC AATACCACAT TGGTTCTTGT GAACGCAATC TATTCAAAG
13 GGCAGTGGGA GAAGAAATT AATAAAGAAG ATACTAAAGA GGAAAAATIT
14 TGGCCAAACA AGAATACATA CAAGTCCATA CAGATGATGA GGCAATACAC

15 ATCTTTCAT TTTGCCTCGC TGGAGGATGT ACAGGCCAAG GTCCTGGAAA
16 TACCATACAA AGGCAAAGAT CTAAGCATGA TTGTGTTGCT GCCAAATGAA
17 ATCGATGGTC TCCAGAAAG CT TGAAGAGAAA CTCACTGCTG AGAAATTGAT
18 GGAATGGACA AGTTTGCAGA ATATGAGAGA GACATGTGTC GATTTACACT
19 TACCTCGGTT CAAAATGGAA GAGAGCTATG ACCTCAAGGA CACGTTGAGA
20 ACCATGGGAA TGGTGAATAT CTTCAATGGG GATGCAGACC TCTCAGGCAT
21 GACCTGGAGC CACGGTCTCT CAGTATCTAA AGTCCTACAC AAGGCCTTG
22 TGGAGGTCAC TGAGGAGGGA GTGGAAGCTG CAGCTGCCAC CGCTGTAGTA
23 GTAGTCGAAT TATCATCTCC TTCAACTAAT GAAGAGTTCT GTTGTAAATCA
24 CCCTTCCTA TTCTTCATAA GGCAAAATAA GACCAACAGC ATCCTCTTCT
25 ATGGCAGATT CTCATCCCCA, and deposited at ECACC under deposition number ECACC
26 01031315.

1 18. (Withdrawn) A protein expression system for production of SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein.

1 19. (Withdrawn) A recombinant bacteria comprising a plasmid according to claim 13.

1 20. (Withdrawn) A recombinant bacteria comprising a plasmid according to claim 14.

1 21. (Withdrawn) A recombinant E. coli comprising a plasmid according to claim 13.

1 22. (Withdrawn) A recombinant E. coli comprising a plasmid according to claim 14.

1 23. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein using a cDNA cloning and sequencing analysis of tumor DNA.

1 24. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA2/SCCA1
2 fusion protein using a cDNA cloning and sequencing analysis of tumor DNA.

1 25. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein using a Southern blot-technology applied on tumor DNA.

1 26. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA2/SCCA1
2 fusion protein using a Southern blot-technology applied on tumor DNA.

1 27. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein using a PCR-analysis technology.

1 28. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA2/SCCA1
2 fusion protein using a PCR-analysis technology.

1 29. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein using an amino acid sequencing technology.

1 30. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting the gene rearrangement forming the SCCA2/SCCA1
2 fusion protein using an amino acid sequencing technology.

1 31. (Previously Presented) A method for detection the SCCA1/A2 fusion protein using Western
2 blotting.

1 32. (Withdrawn) A method for detection the SCCA2/A1 fusion protein using Western blotting.

1 33. (Withdrawn) A monoclonal antibody specific for SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein.

1 34. (Withdrawn) A monoclonal antibody specific for SCCA2/SCCAZ fusion protein.

1 35. (Withdrawn) A polyclonal antibody reactive with SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein.

1 36. (Withdrawn) A monoclonal antibody specific for SCCA2/SCCA1 fusion protein.

1 37. (Previously Presented) An immunoassay using a monoclonal antibody or polyclonal
2 antibody specific for SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein for detecting the presence and concentration
3 of SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein.

1 38. (Withdrawn) An immunoassay using a monoclonal antibody or polyclonal antibody specific
2 for SCCA2/SCCA1 fusion protein for detecting the presence and concentration of
3 SCCA2/SCCA1 fusion protein.

1 39. (Previously Presented) A method for diagnosing the presence or absence of a squamous cell
2 carcinoma by detecting the SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein in a human sample.

1 40. (Withdrawn) A method for diagnosing the presence or absence of a squamous cell
2 carcinoma by detecting the SCCA2/SCCA1 fusion protein in a human sample.

1 41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the fusion protein is used
2 in a histochemical analysis.

1 42. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising a SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein antibody to be used in the
2 determination of the presence or absence of squamous cell carcinoma (SCC).

1 43. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising a SCCA2/SCCA1 fusion protein antibody to be used in the
2 determination of the presence or absence of squamous cell carcinoma (SCC).

1 44. (Withdrawn) A kit according to claim 42, in that it further comprises antibodies related to
2 SCCA1 and/or SCCA2.

1 45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein is coded by the exons 2-7 of the SCCA1 gene fused to exon 8 of the SCCA2
3 gene.

1 46. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 45, wherein the protein sequence of the
2 SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein is:

3 MNSLSEANTK FMFDLFQQFR KSKENNIFYS PISITSALGM VLLGAKDNTA
4 QQIKKVLHFD QVTENTTGKA ATYHVDRSGN VHHQFQKLLTE FNKSTDAYE

5 LKIANKLFGE KTYLFLQEYL DAIKKFYQTS VESVDFANAP EESRKKINSW
6 VESQTNEKIK NLIPEGNIGS NTTLVLVNAI YFKGQWEKKF NKEDTKEEKF
7 WPNKNTYKSI QMMRQYTSFH FASLEDVQAK VLEIPYKGKD LSMIVLLPNE
8 IDGLQKLEEK LTAEKLMEWT SLQNMRETCV DLHLPRFKME ESYDLKDTLR
9 TMGMVNIFNG DADLSGMTWS HGLSVSKVLH KAFVEVTEEG VEAAAATAVV
10 VVELSSPSTN EEFCCNHPFL FFIRQNKTNS ILFYGRFSSP (SEQ ID NO: 1).

1 47. (Previously Presented) An immunoassay according to claim 37, wherein the
2 SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein is coded by the exons 2-7 of the SCCA1 gene fused to exon 8
3 of the SCCA2 gene.

1 48. (Currently Amended) An immunoassay according to claim 37, wherein the protein
2 sequence of the SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein is:

3 MNSLSEANTK FMFDLFQQFR KSKENNIFYS PISITSALGM VLLGAKDNTA
4 QQIKKVLHFD QVTENTTGKA ATYHVDRSGN VHHQFQKLLTE FNKSTDAYE
5 LKIANKLFGE KTYLFLQEYL DAIKKFYQTS VESVDFANAP EESRKKINSW
6 VESQTNEKIK NLIPEGNIGS NTTLVLVNAI YFKGQWEKKF NKEDTKEEKF
7 WPNKNTYKSI QMMRQYTSFH FASLEDVQAK VLEIPYKGKD LSMIVLLPNE
8 IDGLQKLEEK LTAEKLMEWT SLQNMRETCV DLHLPRFKME ESYDLKDTLR
9 TMGMVNIFNG DADLSGMTWS HGLSVSKVLH KAFVEVTEEG VEAAAATAVV
10 VVELSSPSTN EEFCCNHPFL FFIRQNKTNS ILFYGRFSSP (SEQ ID NO: 1).

1 49. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the SCCA1/SCCA2
2 fusion protein is coded by the exons 2-7 of the SCCA1 gene fused to exon 8 of the SCCA2
3 gene.

1 50. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 31, wherein the protein sequence of the
2 SCCA1/SCCA2 fusion protein is:

3 MNSLSEANTK FMFDLFQQFR KSKENNIFYS PISITSALGM VLLGAKDNTA
4 QQIKKVLHFD QVTENTTGKA ATYHVDRSGN VHHQFQKLLTE FNKSTDAYE

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| 5 | LKIANKLFGE | KTYLFLQEYL | DAIKKFYQTS | VESVDFANAP | EESRKKINSW |
| 6 | VESQTNEKIK | NLIPEGNIGS | NTTLVLVNAI | YFKGQWEKKF | NKEDTKEEKF |
| 7 | WPNKNTYKSI | QMMRQYTSFH | FASLEDVQAK | VLEIPYKGKD | LSMIVLLPNE |
| 8 | IDGLQKLEEK | LTAEKLMEWT | SLQNMRETCV | DLHLPRFKME | ESYDLKDTLR |
| 9 | TMGMVNIFNG | DADLSGMTWS | HGLSVSKVLH | KAFVEVTEEG | VEAAAATAVV |
| 10 | VVELSSPSTN | EEFCCNHPFL | FFIRQNKTNS | ILFYGRFSSP | <u>(SEQ IN NO: 1).</u> |